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Blue Sky

Taskforce needs time for release

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Last week Michael Whiteford, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was under the impression that the Blue Sky Taskforce’s final report was complete, and that the report wasn’t going to be released to the public until all of the Taskforce had had the opportunity to read the final version.

This week, things are no longer definite.

“Last week, I believed the report to be in its final form, but it looks like the Taskforce needs to meet at least one more time to consider making some adjustments,” Whiteford said. “I think we all need more time than we originally thought.”

Whiteford and Chitra Rajan, chairwoman of Blue Sky and associate vice president for research and economic develop-

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Crime

Quarter’s statistics published

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University crime statistics from the Iowa Board of Regents have been released for the third quarter of this year, from July 1 to Sept. 30.

At the Regent’s request, it will receive quarterly reports of crime statistics compiled by the university public safety departments.

In comparison to 57 students being charged with theft at Iowa State at this time last year, 66 students were charged with something from the following this quarter:

- Pocket-picking
- Purse-snatching
- Shoplifting
- Theft from building
- Theft from coin-operated machine or device
- Theft from motor vehicle
- Theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories
- All other larceny

The year-to-date number of students charged with theft is 186; 197 had been charged at this time last

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Human Sciences

Students honored as marshals

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The College of Human Sciences will be recognizing three undergraduate student honorees at the fall commencement ceremony Dec. 17.

Hillary Rodgers, senior in elementary education; Abbie Marsh, senior in family and consumer science education and studies; and Jessica Crawford, senior in child, adult and family services, will be recognized as CHS graduation marshals.

Rodgers was on the Dean’s List from 2006 to 2010, was a member of the ISU Honors Program and was a peer mentor for the Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers Learning Community.

She said her experience as a peer mentor was what made her stand out among other students, because she was able to become closer with not only students, but faculty and staff as well. Rodgers is currently student teaching at Gray Elementary School in Chicago.

“I’m originally from Minneapolis, so having an urban teaching experi-

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Swine

Regents discuss new medicine center

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The proposal for the Swine Medicine Education Center was pushed up on the Board of Regents agenda due to a question from Regent member Michael Gartner about the intent of the building.

The request to establish the building was eventually passed and will be the only one of its kind in



Gartner



Thomson

North America.

Gartner said he was concerned if the building would represent a real-

location of resources and if it would be taking money away from other veterinary sciences.

John Thomson, College of Veterinary Medicine dean, said, “I appreciate the opportunity to clarify any concepts or concerns people have.”

He said the center is “in no way changing the focus of our college.”

Thomson talked about the strong relationship the college has with the

University of Nebraska and said because most veterinary colleges don’t have a swine program a number of students from other universities come to Iowa State.

The Regents also approved a new master of industrial design degree program, which will be offered at Iowa State.

The program will be a two-

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Writing

A novelist’s inspiration



Ben Percy, assistant professor of English, draws upon his memories of his childhood in Oregon to write novels such as his latest, “The Wilding.” He is currently working on a new novel, “Red Moon,” which is set to be released in 2012. Courtesy photo: Benjamin Percy

Oregon experiences allow for ‘genre observed through a literary lens’

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Benjamin Percy is receiving national praise for his full-length wilderness novel “The Wilding.”

“Oregon is my muse,” Percy, assistant professor of English, said. “I have a trapdoor in my head that takes me back to my childhood in Oregon whenever I’m writing.”

Percy’s early life in the high desert of central Oregon frequently influences his writing in a variety of ways.

“I grew up in the middle of nowhere,” Percy said. “I was always ranging through the woods, ducking under barbed wire fences, firing slingshots at jackrabbits. During those times, I was alone, and my imagination would often take over as I imagined myself as Tom Sawyer or He-Man or John Wayne.”

Like every great writer, Percy loves to read.

“Growing up, I always had a book in my hand,” Percy said. “I loved genre books most of all as a kid.”

Percy graduated with honors from Brown University.

“In college, I was practically forbidden to write genre,” Percy said. “I had to read a lot more ‘literary’ books, and my tastes have kind of hybridized as a result.”

Along with his tastes, Percy’s writing style has also changed since being introduced to more intellectual novels.

“I write genre observed through a literary lens,” Percy said. “Genre is great for a number of reasons, namely the fast-moving and cleanly-

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Margaret Sloss Women’s Center

ChickLit’s invites new members

Center hosts its first book club meeting

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The Margaret Sloss Women’s Center hosted its first book club meeting Thursday, and beginning next semester, the club will meet monthly.

The meeting consisted of 11 faculty members and students, all enthusiastic to read and talk about the books.

The book club is exciting to Betty Baker, program assistant for the Intensive English and Orientation Program, because “everyone wants to be here, and everyone wants to read the books.”

The women engaged in the club came up with the group name, ChickLit’s.

ChickLit’s is offered to students, but staff members are also encouraged to come.

“It’s nice to have a wide range of people involved in the book club be-



Members of ChickLit’s talk Thursday at the Margaret Sloss House about what they read. The group next meets Jan. 20. Photo: Tsubasa Shigehara/Iowa State Daily

cause it will make it interesting with all the different age groups’ perspectives,” said Sarah Thies, sophomore in construction engineering.

The first gathering consisted of going over a list of books that Penny Rice, book club facilitator and director of MSWC, assembled by gathering information from other women’s centers across the nation. The members in the book club could also suggest any books they wished.

The women decided to take a vote on which five books they were interested in reading about throughout the remainder of the year.

The women took into consideration when choosing the books that they wanted a mix of time periods, topics, authors and a good balance between depressing and happy stories.

Penny Rice explained to everyone, “I will not be lecturing about the

Club’s book list

- January: “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood  
“Feminism is for Everybody” by Bell Hooks
- February: “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett
- March: “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” by Stieg Larsson
- April: “Red Tent” by Anita Diamant

books. I want to have conversations about the books and discuss any questions that came up for you while reading.”

Students and faculty members can find the books on amazon.com, at Parks Library and Ames Public Library and at the used book store, Firehouse, in downtown Ames.

The book club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. the following dates: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 24 and April 21.







Sustainability

# ISU Dining uses vending misers to save energy

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The ISU Dining Sustainability Green Team is taking a variety of initiatives to become more sustainable in the dining centers, including a composting program and vending misers.

“A lot of that post-consumer waste used to actually get ground up in the garbage disposal and go down the drain,” said Nancy Levandowski, director of campus dining services. “The city of Ames used to heavily treat the water because of the food particles in it, and they started charging us, and that was why getting that revolving green fund out front was beneficial. We got to stop paying the city for water treatment.”

The composting program is still relatively new on campus, but allows students to discard their own trash without having to throw it down the garbage disposal. The program focuses predominantly on the three dining centers and includes both post-consumer and pre-consumer waste.

“Pre-consumer waste — like the top of a carrot, the peels from a carrot or the peels from a potato — those get composted, and then all post-consumer waste gets composted,” said Chantal Roberts, sustainability chair for ISU Dining. “Whatever students leave on their plates, they get basically put into the pulper, which breaks down the material into smaller pieces. It’s easier to decompose, and then that’s taken to the dumpster outside of each of the three dining centers, and that’s taken three times a week and brought to the dairy facility, and from there it’s composted and sold back to ISU to be used on campus.”

The pulpers grind the food and drain any excess water, when it’s then dumped into buckets to be taken to the dumpsters. The machinery is currently located at Seasons, Union Drive and Oak-Elm dining centers.

“We reduced the amount of trash can size that we had,” Levandowski said. “One of the things that we found is that we have a lot more trash from Clyde’s than we realized because of all the paper supplies and things that people use there.”

The team’s next step is the Memorial Union, which has proven to be easier said than done.

“With the Memorial Union, we haven’t quite figured out the logistics just because the loading dock area and the trash area is, obviously, heavily used,” Levandowski said. “We haven’t quite figured out how potentially we could do that there

yet, and we’re still trying to work through options right now.”

The vending misers are a way to conserve electricity within the soda pop machines.

Vending misers are motion-sensitive and conserve energy that lights the machine as well as temperature. With its motion sensors operating inside the vending machine, it will shut down and fluctuate to lower temperatures until it detects motion when a student may approach the machine.

“They’ve got a lot of marketing going on with the lighting for the pop machines, and so they’re the ones that are using a lot more of the energy, so it makes sense to put it where it’s going to have a better reduction of the energy use,” Levandowski said.

The vending misers have saved a total estimate of \$12,750, said Bob Parrish, assistant manager in food services.

“Because it’s low maintenance, it has not proven to be detrimental to the pop machines we have monitored,” Parrish said.

The soda machines, Parrish said, are a good place to start for the vending misers, considering the abundance of them. If ISU Dining gets more funding, Parrish speculates its next project would be the non-refrigerated snack machines.

The vending misers are a wise investment, and after observing the misers for a few weeks, the outcomes were satisfactory, Parrish said.

Without the miser, Iowa State had energy costs of \$3.65 per week per vending machine at Student Services. The following week with the miser installed, it cost \$1.25 to run the soda machine, Parrish said.

“When you’re talking per machine per year, it does translate to money; you start talking the number of machines we have, it adds up to \$13,500 a year, which is significant.”

As a future goal, Levandowski wants to introduce a “buy fresh, buy local” program for students on campus.

Roberts hopes to get more of an outreach to students, possibly using booths as a good visual to draw attention and answer any questions.

“We’re working in lots of different areas trying to create a cohesive group, working together definitely is key, which we already do very well, it’s just moving together forward and making goals for ourselves,” Roberts said.

For more information on the ISU Dining Sustainability Green Team and the programs they involve themselves with, check out their blog at [www.dining.iastate.edu/blog](http://www.dining.iastate.edu/blog)

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ment, met with the associate deans and department heads earlier this week. At the meeting, requests were made to make changes to the report before releasing it to the public.

“It’s very important the report have the right impact,” Rajan said.

“There are things in the report that would distract from the goal of the Taskforce. If the report were to be released too early, all our efforts would be for nothing, were the report interpreted the wrong way,” she said.

Adam Goldstein, legal advisor for the Student Press Law Center, believes the report should have already been released.

“To me, it sounds like they’re giving a disingenuous explanation,” Goldstein said. “Open record laws aren’t the ‘Hokey Pokey.’ Something

doesn’t become final or not final simply because of whether or not it would require they release the record to the public.”

“If all it took to withhold an open record was to say that it isn’t final anymore, the open record laws would be meaningless. Otherwise, a public figure could just say that a record isn’t final any time he or she didn’t want it given out.”

Goldstein also made sure to point out that it could still be a legitimate miscommunication.

“It isn’t outside the realm of possibility that [Whiteford] did legitimately misspeak,” Goldstein said.

“But if [Whiteford] didn’t claim to have misspoke until being asked for the report, it’s more likely that he simply doesn’t want the report released to the public.”

The Taskforce is not scheduled to meet until after Winter Break.

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ence was really great for me,” Rodgers said.

“It’s different than experiences in Ames or Iowa. There are problems that you don’t know about unless you experience them,” Rodgers said. “It’s broadened my teaching horizon.”

Although her academic experience was incredibly successful, her favorite moments at Iowa State were “times I was able to create relationships with friends, staff and faculty that I can come back to, the people I’ll talk to forever.”

Marsh was on the Dean’s List from 2007 to 2010, was the president of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies Club and was a peer mentor for Directions Community Center. Knowing that she would complete her degree early, Marsh wanted to get involved in activities right

away as a freshman.

“I knew that if I wanted to have a leadership position I should jump right in since I wouldn’t have my senior year here at ISU,” Marsh said.

Marsh believes that getting to know the faculty through her leadership position helped with her nomination.

“[The faculty and staff] are all wonderful people who just want to see you succeed,” Marsh said.

Marsh has spent this semester student teaching in Charles City, Iowa, where she will be teaching family and consumer sciences starting in January 2011.

Crawford has studied abroad at the University of Ghana, spent a month in Rwanda for a service learning program and was the founder and president of ISUganda, an affiliation with Invisible Children.

Crawford went to Africa

in high school, and Invisible Children inspired her to start ISUganda. They partnered with other organizations such as Dub H, the ISU Hip Hop Club, for fundraising. In

Rwanda, Crawford worked at a children’s home for HIV and AIDS.

“It was incredible. I would go back tomorrow,” Crawford said.

Campus

# Dining centers accommodate students’ Finals Week hours

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ISU Dining will help students through their late night study sessions and snack and coffee breaks throughout Finals Week.

This year, Snack Attack will be held at Conversations Dining. The annual event is a way for students to take time off from their studies. It has been around since the early 1990s.

“Students can take a break, get some fuel in them so they can study,” said Nancy Levandowski, director of campus dining services. “Students can get some hot food in their belly after a long night and go off and take their test.”

Over the years, Snack Attack was at Union Drive Marketplace and Seasons Marketplace, so this year ISU Dining decided to try it at Conversations.

“I’m afraid they’ll love it at

Conversations and never move it,” Levandowski said.

“People may come who never came before,” said Mary Ellen Metzger, manager of Conversations Dining.

Snack Attack costs nothing and includes muffins, bananas, pumpkin bread, cookies and breakfast pizza.

During Finals Week, Conversations Dining will host Finals Week Bundle Express.

Conversations will be open at 7 a.m. to coincide with finals at 7:30 a.m. It will have bundle packages that include items such as coffee or hot chocolate, Anderson-Erickson yogurt, the breakfast pastry of the day and whole fresh fruit.

Seasons will also be opening at 6:30 a.m. for convenience.

Banana Split Night, a Cyclone tradition, will happen Tuesday night. It has been around for about 28 years.

“Just to kind of have some fun,”

Levandowski said. “Students can have a little joy.”

For all the pizza lovers, there will be a Deep Dish Pizza dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at Conversations.

The Wallace-Wilson C-Store and Bookends Cafe are also open for students to grab a quick snack until 11 p.m. all week. Hawthorn Market & Cafe, East and West Side Markets are open until midnight. On Friday all of them will close early.

“Students’ number one objective is school, so we adjust so they can take their finals that week,” said Kristi Patel, assistant director for campus dining services.

Students working at the dining centers will have to balance the change in working hours with their own final exams.

“It’s a delicate balance between serving the students and making sure our employees get their studying done, too,” Levandowski said.

Veterinary medicine

# Students do everything a regular animal veterinary clinic would do

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Veterinary medicine students are doing everything a “regular large animal veterinary clinic would do,” said Patrick Gorden, senior clinician specializing in dairy cows. “We offer services on all species.”

Iowa State hosts two animal clinics, small and large animals, within the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The large animal clinic was built in 2008 and offers a host of treatments for large animals. It’s divided into equine and food-animal, which deals with cows and pigs.

Both clinics offer in-clinic service and an ambulatory service. The ambulatory service is a new, mobile clinic unit that serves clients outside of the main clinic.

“It pretty much encloses everything imaginable under veterinary medicine,” Gorden said. “Any kind of sick cow work, vaccination, you name it, pretty much offers

the service through the in-house service or ambulatory services.”

David Wong, associate professor of veterinary clinical sciences and section head of equine medicine, said the clinics do everything from vaccinations to exams.

In addition to serving clients, the clinic also serves as an educational opportunity for students and interns.

“The clinics also allow students to get hands-on experience in before graduating,” Wong said.

Gorden said the goal of the program is to teach students as much as possible so they can get the education they need to be successful after they graduate.

“We have residents and interns who are veterinarians in advanced training, and they are also involved in working on cases,” Wong said. “Students have some responsibilities, but the majority of decisions fall on faculty.”

The clinic is partially funded through the university, but it is also funded by service fees and private donations.

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year, studio-based graduate program with tracks in research, business and product development.

Lisa Nolan was approved by the Regents as the new dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine,

which will begin Jan. 15.

The Regents also approved sabatrical requests from all three regent universities.

The request to approve professional development assignments proposed a decrease of 11.2 percent from last year, with a total for

teaching replacements at more than \$422,000.

Warren Madden, vice president of business and finance, gave an update on flood mitigation and repairs.

He said out of 60 projects that have been reviewed by FEMA, 10 have been completed.

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constructed plot. And literary writing is great due to the complexity of the characters, the rich, lyrical sentences. I throw out the worst of each and try to bring to the table the best.”

After graduating from Brown, Percy attended graduate school at Southern Illinois University. It was during this time he faced the harsh world of the writing industry.

“As a writer, you have to develop a thick callous around your heart the size of a catcher’s mitt,” Percy said. “In grad school, I submitted my stories widely and stubbornly and faced rejection nearly every day, when I would go out to my mailbox and find it stuffed with letters from editors

saying, ‘Thanks, but no thanks.’”

Percy has always had multiple projects going on at once. As a result, Percy never has writer’s block.

“When I’m tired of working on a novel, I write a short story,” Percy said. “When I’m tired with that, I’ll work on a screenplay or an article or a comic book or a craft essay.”

Percy is a published author of two books of short stories, one of which, “Refresh, Refresh,” is to be adapted for film and directed by James Ponsoldt, who directed the film, “Off the Black,” starring Nick Nolte.

Percy is currently working on a new novel entitled “Red Moon.” It’s slated to be released in 2012, though its film rights have already been purchased by The Gotham Group.

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year. Of these 197, eight have been arrested.

Simple assault charges have dropped significantly from eight last year to four this year; all four were arrested.

Forty-one students have been charged for destruction, damage or vandalism of property with only eight arrests. During the third quarter last year, 31 were charged and only one was arrested.

Drug and narcotic violations were issued to 21 ISU students along with 10 drug equipment violations. Last year, 16 drug and narcotic violations were issued at Iowa State and nine equipment violations were issued; 15 of the 21 students were arrested.

The number of DUIs issued has dropped from 57 in 2009 to 33 in 2010. Seventy-eight people have received tickets for drunkenness this year, compared to 2009’s third quarter total of 103. Similarly, there were 133 liquor law violations this year and 162 in 2009.

All other offenses, defined as interference with official acts, falsifying driver licenses, harassment and filing a false report to a law enforcement agency, have slightly decreased from 183 in 2009 to 170 this year.

The total number of year-to-date offenses and incidents for the universities in Iowa are:

- Iowa - 847
- ISU - 582
- UNI - 125

The total number of year-to-date charges is:

- Iowa - 806
- ISU - 395
- UNI - 66

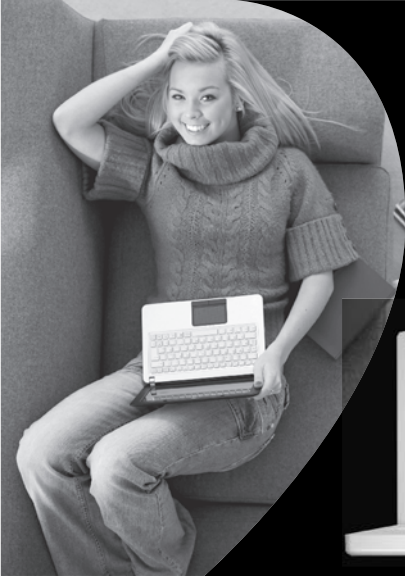
The total number of people arrested year-to-date are:

- Iowa - 673
- ISU - 302
- UNI - 49

This year’s total offenses and incidents stand at 1,594 and 582 in only the third quarter.

There have been a total of 937 charges and 395 in the third quarter.

The number of arrests waits at 714 for the year and 302 for the third quarter.



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Editorial

Westboro Baptist activities damage free speech rights

Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former U.S. Sen. John Edwards, recently died after battling cancer for several years.

An open and active lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender supporter, she even was a speaker at the start of this year’s Gay Pride Parade in San Francisco.

Her funeral this weekend, though, will have a few uninvited guests.

The Westboro Baptist Church has announced plans to protest the solemn occasion, and rally against the cause Elizabeth was known to fight for.

For those of you who don’t know, the Westboro Baptist Church is an organization based in Kansas known for being openly opposed to not only the rights of homosexuals to marry and serve in the military, but even to exist openly.

The Westboro Baptist Church is known for protesting at the funerals civil rights activists, and soldiers — most notably and publicly those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their reasoning being that the deaths of Americans at the hands of enemies, including the victims of the 9/11 attacks, is the will of God as punishment for American tolerance of the LGBT community — or “soul-damning, nation-destroying filth,” as they are called on the Church’s website, found at [www.godhatesfags.com](http://www.godhatesfags.com)

We hate to give this hatemongering group any more press than they already receive as a result of their despicable actions, but their tactics bring up an interesting tension.

The First Amendment, which we at the Iowa State Daily have hanging on our newsroom wall in giant letters, gives the Westboro Baptist Church protection from interference in their affairs by, as they refer to him, “Antichrist Bloody Beast Obama,” and the rest of the government.

The First Amendment protects the rights of both us and the Westboro Baptist Church to speak freely, peaceably assemble and practice religion freely. As much as we despise the message that they work so hard to spread, we must support their right to spread it, so long as they remain peaceful.

However, this particular organization gives the exercisers of this right a bad name. Protesting at the funerals of troops, especially those who died in combat, fighting to protect their friends and families, is almost too horrible to think about, and makes any sane person want to force them to stop.

By pushing a message of intolerance and hate against homosexuals — and myriad other groups — they give more ammunition to those who would put heavy restrictions on the rights and freedoms set forth by the First Amendment.

This hurts the rest of citizens who like to peacefully protest, assemble or really just say something that is within reason.

The First Amendment is meant as a responsibility for the citizens of the United States, not just a collection of rights. When the Bill of Rights was written, the amendment was written and put first as an insurance policy. The First Amendment is the method by which the people can regulate the government, it’s the ultimate check and balance. If the government is doing something wrong, immoral or strongly enough against the will of the people, the first amendment guarantees that those people can remind those in power of the origins of that power.

So when people like the Westboro Baptist Church abuse this right, to argue against who they believe to be perverts, they are themselves perverting the very thing that allows them to do so.

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Veterans



With the USS Arizona memorial in the background, U.S. Marines stand at attention Tuesday in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Tuesday marks the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Photo: Marco Garcia/The Associated Press

Remember the fallen



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Tuesday passed unrecognized by quite a few Americans. It was the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. While the consequences of what happened that day are innumerable, I’d like to take a moment to remember the people: 2,402 military personnel and 57 civilians were killed that day. If I could, I would list the names, but I don’t think there’s space and even if there was maybe you wouldn’t read them. To be honest, I don’t think I would. But that’s where we, as Americans, have fallen short.

Recently I reread “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien, which is a collection of stories about an American platoon in the Vietnam War.

Destruction, pain, havoc and death all are associated with war. However, the final story of the novel, “The Lives of the Dead,” is about life. It is about a 9-year-old girl named Linda, with whom O’Brien fell in love.

By telling stories, O’Brien counteracts and overcomes the dehumanization he suffered and inflicted upon others during the war. Stories allow people to be remembered and brought back to life. After Linda died, O’Brien asks her in a dream how it feels to be dead and she replies, “Well, right now, I’m not dead. But when I am, it’s like ... I don’t know, I guess it’s like being inside a book that nobody’s reading.” Linda, in that moment, is not dead because O’Brien

is thinking about her. She is resurrected in his memories and stories of her. He keeps her spirit alive. She, like a book, can be taken down off the shelf and read again and again, brought to life again and again.

In O’Brien’s words, “[I]n a story I can steal her soul. I can revive, at least briefly, that which is absolute and unchanging. In a story, miracles can happen. Linda can smile and sit up. She can reach out, touch my wrist, and say, ‘Timmy, stop crying.’” In this way, a story is magical. Just by a story, O’Brien can revive her soul, which is “absolute and unchanging,” preserved in his memories and stories, and return her to the world. “The thing about a story

is that you dream it as you tell it, hoping that others might then dream along with you.”

So, dream along with me. Help me remember those Americans who died at Pearl Harbor. Help me remember all the American men and women who have given their lives out of service.

When you walk through the Gold Star Hall in the Memorial Union, take off your hat, pause your conversation for a few moments and read the names on the wall.

No, we may not have known them personally; we may not be able to add pages to their story. But we can listen and hear their stories. We can help keep them alive.

Security

Government must address WikiLeaks



The Internet homepage of Wikileaks is shown in this photo taken Dec. 1 in New York. WikiLeaks’ release of secret government communications should serve as a warning to the nation’s biggest businesses: You’re next. Photo: Richard Drew/The Associated Press

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Throughout history, protecting the national security has been an excuse used by corrupt governments to hide their crimes.

For instance, during the investigation in the Watergate scandal, President Nixon was asked to release the secret tapes on which all conversations and phone calls he had in the Oval Office were recorded. He refused, claiming the tapes were vital to national security. Now, thanks to hindsight, we know this was a desperate attempt from Nixon to hide the connection with the five men who broke into the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Watergate in June of 1972.

More than 30 years after the Watergate scandal, protecting the national security seems to still be a valid excuse for wrong-

doing. For example, does protecting the national security give Hillary Clinton the right to ask U.S. diplomats to spy on United Nations leaders, obtain their DNA data, credit card numbers and frequent flier numbers?

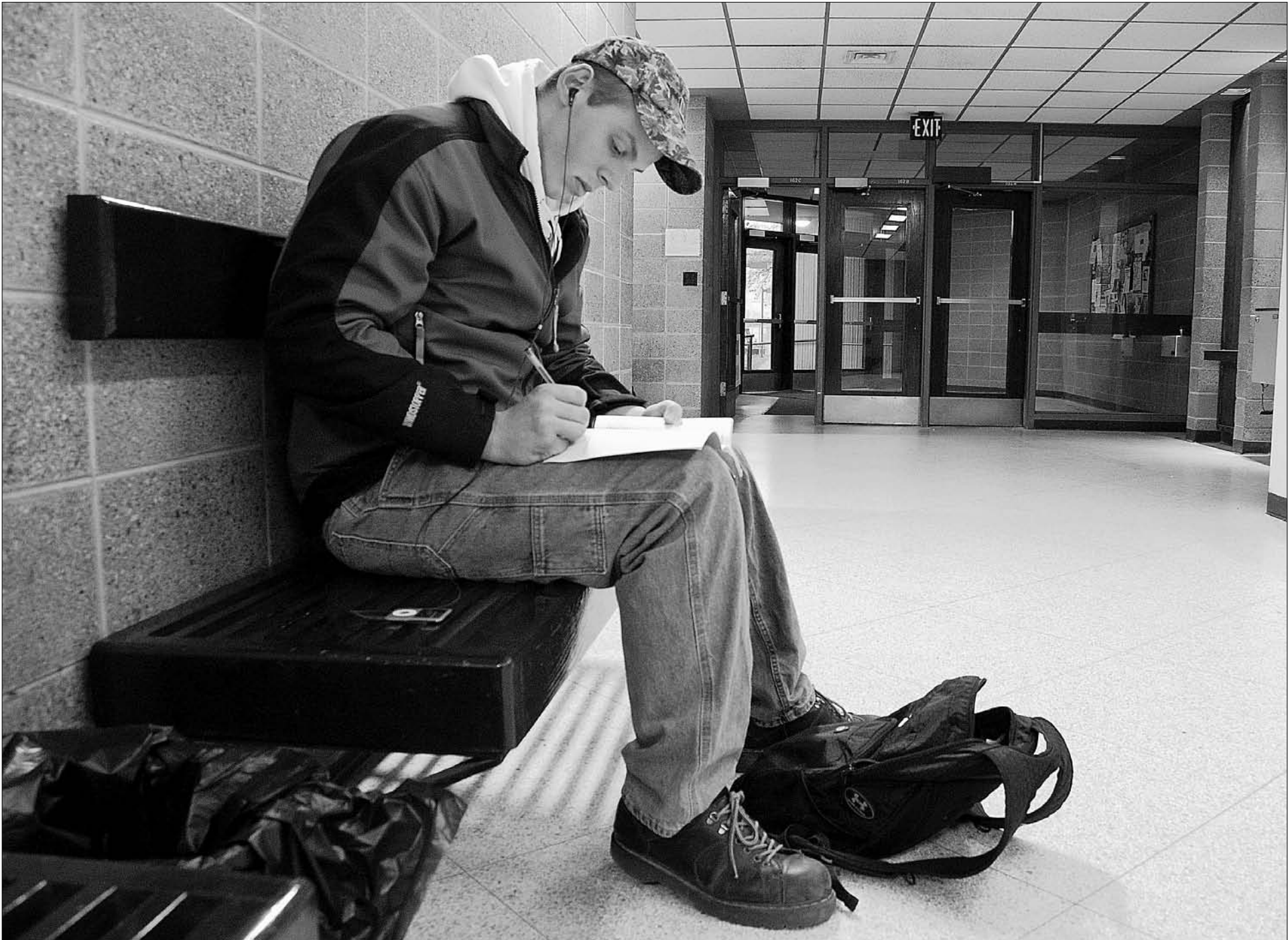
It used to be that when regimes are exposed with wrongdoing, an investigation would follow. After all the scandalous information published on WikiLeaks last week, such as the Iraq war logs showing 66,000 Iraqi civilians who suffered violent deaths between 2004 and 2009, a comment from the administration about the revealed information would be expected. However, the only response that has been given is that the release of such information is a national security threat. It’s disturbing the govern-

ment doesn’t care to discuss the released info.

This lack of comment on wrongdoing reminds me of autocratic regimes in Third World countries. For instance, when government officials in Egypt are exposed with human rights violation cases, the officials don’t care to comment. They have only one reply: This is an internal affair and the international community should not get involved. Is the U.S. government turning into one of these autocratic regimes? While it’s normal for governments to keep secrets to protect national security, when the information is accessible to everyone and the documents have nothing to do with national security, the government should comment upon these now in the open issues.



Academics



Drew Johnston, sophomore in agricultural systems technology, does his homework Sunday at Ross Hall. He prefers to study there because it’s quiet and there are not a lot of people there. Photo: Karuna Ang/Iowa State Daily

Finals veteran offers expert advice



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It’s Friday. That means it’s the end of dead week. Every year, tens of millions of students in the United States battle it out in the field of final examinations. It is inevitable that some will lose dearly in the fight, while others may not even show up at all. Most of us will end up living to see another day, but not without cost. The themes of pulling all-nighters, caffeine over-consumption, living in the library and maybe skipping personal hygiene seem to be common occurrence. By this time you would think most of us would be experts on handling final exam stress. Personally, I have been taking finals since seventh grade. For me that’s 17 semesters of finals, and as I am going to graduate school, there’s no end in sight. Before the final battle starts, I believe it would be wise to know the tools to your success and demise before you take your finals. In this time of dire need, stress can be your best friend as well as worst enemy. There is actually a curve called the Human Performance Curve that shows the relationship between stress received and its relation to performance. Stress actually increases performance up until a certain point, when it reaches a peak, performance begins to decrease. This is not too hard to imagine if you think about it. If you have too much stress you’ll probably end up worrying constantly to the point where it would interfere with your studying or memorization. Thus, if you find yourself getting too stressed beyond the point of being productive, it is best for you to find ways to relax. Of course that’s something easier said than done. How can you relax if you have tests on the back of your head? I don’t mean go and play video games for four hours if you get stressed out. Maybe you could go take a walk; maybe even at night if you want to try and brave the cold. Have you ever walked on campus while there’s no one out? It’s very

relaxing. So, it’s important to realize that some stress is a good thing because it motivates you. Another thing I want to focus on is caffeine. Before you start drinking coffee or energy drinks as substitute for water, did you know that there is a lethal dose for caffeine? The dosage, of course, varies with weight, but you should mind how much of that stuff you pump into your stream. A good rule of thumb is stopping after you’ve hit 1,000 milligrams — that’s around four energy drinks. Any more can be very dangerous for your body. Remember, you’re jamming this stuff in your system to do well on exams, not to kill yourself. Another recipe to your success is sleep. I know a lot of students forgo sleep in order to gain time to study, but do you know what you are really doing by depriving yourself of sleep? Studies show that sleep deprivation reduces overall cognitive ability. A 2007 study by Kanov Kahol found that those who were sleep deprived could finish cognitive tasks quickly, but produced more error in recall ability than a group that was not sleep deprived. However, sleep deprivation seems like one of those things where if it works for you then it works; if it doesn’t, then it doesn’t. With three very brief topics covered, I hope this gives you a better understanding of what some aspects of finals are doing to your body. Stress and caffeine can help you out greatly, but it depends on how much you have and what you do with them. Generally both are positive things, but can be a factor in potentially pulling you down. So keep that in mind. Sleep deprivation is something that you do not want to do to yourself. Your body and brain need to rest after abundant activity for a given amount of time. So with that I wish you good luck on your finals; we’re almost halfway done with the school year.

Letters

Fashion show objectifies

Fetish and Fantasy - these are the two words that came to our minds as we watched the 2010 “Victoria Secret Fashion Show.” The show aired on prime time television recently and is considered the biggest fashion show of year. What we saw striding across the stage was not a tribute to female fashion; it was a tribute to male fetishes that result in lowered self esteem and higher rates of mass product consumption amongst women. The show opened with the silhouette of a gazebo and inside it, ballerinas. These innocently portrayed women in tutus then became fierce cage dancers, their hair around and gripping the bars of the structure. Seductively, a model appeared in her underwear and began strutting down the runway. This good-girl, bad-girl dichotomy was a reoccurring theme throughout the show. The show featured costumes depicting tough jungle women, sweet country girls, strong sporty women, pure angels, and innocent little girls — remember a woman dressed in little girl pajamas with the rear cut out, carrying a stuffed animal down the runway. Depicting women as either “naughty or nice,” we believe, reiterates the male-female dichotomy regarding gender promiscuity. It is a commonly held expectation that women should remain pure and resist sexual temptation, but as soon as this same pure woman interacts with a man, that man fully expects the woman to be “bad” and engage in sexual acts exclusively with him. The above is the expectation regardless of whether a woman is in a mutually committed relationship or not. Men, on the other hand, are commonly applauded and encouraged to have multiple sex partners. Where is it that men expect to find these women who are pure and virginal, but are willing to submit to only their sexual desires? This is not a realistic expectation, it is fantasy made to seem plausible by media events such as the “Victoria’s Secret Fashion Show.” In addition to the overall naughty or nice costume theme, what’s with each costume: angels, jungle women, country girls, sporty women, little girls? I certainly don’t want my partner fantasizing about a little girl at a carnival while I’m trying to seduce him in my cotton candy bra and panties! The “Victoria’s Secret Fashion Show” succeeds in fetishizing women into naughty or nice and then into corresponding unrealistic roles. A type of fetish referred to as plastic love seems to sum up the “Victoria’s Secret Fashion Show.” Plastic love is when an individual is mentally fixated with something such as sports stars or southern belles, and they ask their partner to dress in that persona, taking on the characteristics of whatever it is they are attracted to. The women in this show are unhealthy thin, unrealistically tall, and unattainably pretty; yet they typify America’s standard of beauty. They are put in 12-inch stilettos that they need help to walk in, squeezed into too-small underwear, weighed down with 8-foot wings and marched out for viewing pleasure much like a plastic doll we are all pretty familiar with. At this point, these women stop being women. Instead, they become objects of fantasy; a doll that you can dress to suit whatever your mood: Looking for a dirty tough girl? She’s right here! Want to take the girl next door for a roll in the hay? She’s already half-naked for you! If we stop thinking of models as actual human beings, it’s easier to watch. They are like floats in a parade – you cannot wait to see what the next one will look like. It isn’t about the underwear; you can’t see it under all of the tacky costumes they wear. It’s about setting an outrageous standard of beauty and an objectifying ideal of what is sexy.

Impeachment

Poor GSB choices



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As winter approaches, the temperature begins to drop and it gets darker out earlier and earlier. Our good friend Old Man Winter is en route, and he’ll be bringing what we all dread right to our doorsteps any day now: snow and blizzards. Pretty soon you’ll find yourself sitting around your dorm or apartment drinking hot chocolate, watching movies and dreading the daily trek to class. One side effect of this is referred to by many medical professionals as “boredom,” some infected also develop a sort of “cabin fever.” “Symptoms include restlessness, irritability, irrational frustration with everyday objects, forgetfulness, laughter, excessive sleeping, distrust of anyone they are with, and an urge to go outside even in the rain, snow or dark,” according to Wikipedia. Boredom and cabin fever infect countless people across the world every year, but it’s when it hits close to home is when it hurts the most. And at this point I am speaking of none other than the Government of the Student Body that has become so bored with its day-to-day duties that it has resorted to a “Lord of the Flies”-esque lifestyle. It is going to kill one of its own. Now, of course, no one is actually getting murdered, but why not at this point? Last Sunday a meeting was held in regard to the impeachment of Nick Davis, election commissioner, because he had violated a bylaw. First off, what bylaw did he break? Maybe Davis is actually corrupt, maybe he embezzled thousands of dollars in GSB funds, only to be discovered months later when he finally slipped up — or maybe he’s been selling our university secrets to the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa? I wish it was either of those, but no, Davis forgot to turn in a piece of paper. And what was on that piece of paper? A bill he was to write up with information pertaining to the residential statistics of Iowa State for this year. Instead of taking care of such dealings in a quiet, discrete manner, as most internal affairs should, his impeachment is now being discussed in a very public manner. Now I spoke with Davis on this, and he was actually rather surprised that it’s come to an impeachment hearing to resolve an issue. He said GSB first tried to oust him by simply writing up a bill, but after a second glance at the bylaws it was discovered that the impeachment process had to be undertaken to get rid of him. The oversight of such a crucial detail further proves how improperly thought out this entire ordeal has been. Let’s take a step back for a minute, look at this from another angle and actually look at what the GSB is. Of course it’s what you think it is, it’s the government of the student body at Iowa State, made up of three branches of very talented individuals, some elected and some appointed, pursuing either a very noble career in public service or individuals who care about Iowa State. They operate with a mission statement as follows: “Our mission is to strengthen students’ voices and enhance students’ experiences at Iowa State University through active representation, engagement, and support.”



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Women’s basketball



# Cyclones fall in second

Iowa State Guard Kelsey Bolte moves around Iowa’s Hannah Draxten on Thursday. Bolte scored eight points during the Cyclone’s 62-40 loss to the Hawkeyes. Photo: Dan Tracy/Iowa State Daily

Turnover, fouls plague visiting team

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IOWA CITY — Iowa State’s attempt at taking the lead in the annual Cy-Hawk series came up short Thursday night. The No. 19 Hawkeyes (9-1) secured a comfortable 62-40 victory over the No. 16 Cyclones (6-2). Forward Morgan Johnson led the Hawkeyes with 16 points and 10 rebounds.



Mansfield

“She was just being aggressive,” said ISU senior shooting guard Kelsey Bolte. “She got [10] rebounds and that’s just playing hard. She had a great game.” She had help from Kelly Krei and Kachine Alexander. Krei poured in 15 points and eight rebounds, while Alexander scored 13 points and was 5-of-8 shooting from the free throw line. Junior point guard Lauren Mansfield led the Cyclones in scoring with 16 points to go with one assist. No other Cyclone reached double figures for the game as Kelsey Bolte was

held to just eight points while grabbing six rebounds. With Bolte and Mansfield combining for 24 of the team’s 40 points, coach Bill Fennelly said he would like to see more production from other members of the team. “I thought Lauren Mansfield and Kelsey Bolte gave us every ounce of energy they had tonight,” Fennelly said.

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Iowa State	21	19	40
Iowa	26	36	62

“Unfortunately, I can’t say that for anyone else tonight and that falls on me.” Iowa coach Lisa Bluder was satisfied with the way her team was able

to shut down Bolte. This was the first time Bolte finished a game with single digits for the first time this season. “The defensive effort was very good. I thought Kachine did a great job on Kelsey Bolte,” Bluder said. “We have great respect for her with all the three’s she can put up, but I thought Kachine did a great job of not letting her get her shot off” Iowa jumped out to 22-8 lead in the first half before the Cyclones closed the gap to 26-21 heading into the locker room for halftime. Iowa State was able to keep it close in beginning of the second half, pulling within 32-25. That’s the closest it got in the second half as Iowa went on a roll with Johnson as the catalyst and Krei’s hot hand from behind the arc.

Two glaring stats for Iowa State were the amount of points it gave up off turnovers and the matchups inside. ISU forward Anna Prins was in foul trouble most of the game while teammates Chelsea Poppens and Hallie Christofferson were held to a combined four points and three rebounds. “Our post player made one basket the entire game,” Fennelly said. “That’s just not going to work. Iowa finished with a 34-8 scoring advantage in the paint. The Hawkeyes are known for their high-pressure defense and that showed during the game. They forced 18 turnovers which led to a 26-10

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# Iowa State sputters at Carver-Hawkeye

Players unable to find second half turnaround

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IOWA CITY — After ending the first half on a 13-4 run and being down only 26-21, Iowa State seemed poised for another second half outburst like it has done numerous times this season. But, playing an experienced Iowa squad in front of a raucous crowd of 6,364 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the Cyclones were unable to work any second half magic, falling 62-40 at the hands of the No. 19 Hawkeyes. “That was a great environment for a women’s college game, unfortunately we didn’t do our part to make it a great game,” said coach Bill Fennelly. What appeared to be a close game at halftime swayed in Iowa’s favor early on in the second half as the Cyclones were outscored 17-6 through the first eight minutes of the half. Foul trouble for sophomore Anna Prins, junior Lauren Mansfield and sophomore Jessica Schroll forced Fennelly to use the entire ISU bench in the second half. The five-point halftime margin widened further as the Hawkeyes’ Morgan Johnson knocked in five of six shots from the field and grabbed six of her game-high 10 rebounds



Fennelly



Bolte



Prins



Schroll

in the second half. Searching for their own offensive spark, Fennelly used up all of the Cyclones’ timeouts with 4:12 still remaining in the game. “I think we needed to be more ready and prepared for when things didn’t work, finding other ways to get things done,” Mansfield said. In a game that started out with a 2-0 lead for the Cyclones, Iowa ran the score up to a 60-36, insurmountable lead with 3:10 left in the game. “They had a good defensive game plan,” Bolte said. “We couldn’t really score in the second half, they really shut us down and guarded me really well.” Bolte scored a season-low eight points on the night. “They brought even more defensive pressure than they did in the first half, they obviously played really good defense in the first but really turned it up a notch in the sec-

ond,” Bolte said. Offensively, the Cyclones shot a measly 22.2 percent from the field in the second half and finished the night with only three assists for the entire team. Junior point guard Lauren Mansfield, who had one of those assists, entered Thursday’s matchup averaging seven assists per game. “They were in the lanes and everyone was really on their player,” Mansfield said. “It was hard to get through plays, it kind of felt like I didn’t know what to do, their defense was completely intense.” Fouls and turnovers severely hindered Iowa State’s defensive efforts on the night. The ISU bench was thinned after committing 15 team fouls and after giving up eight turnovers in the first half, the Cyclones were unable to hold onto the ball with 10 more turnovers with a few that Fennelly described as “ridiculously silly.” The staggering Iowa defense forced 18 turnovers on the night and allowed only 40 points, its lowest total since the 2007-08 season. “West Virginia exposed us some, Iowa exposed us some and we have to be ready for that and obviously tonight we didn’t show that, we have to figure it out,” Fennelly said. The Cyclones will now gear up for a Sunday afternoon showdown with Columbia at Hilton Coliseum. The opening tip is set for 12:30 p.m.



Kachine Alexander, right, reacts after making a basket during the first half of against Iowa State on Thursday in Iowa City. Photo: Charlie Neibergall/The Associated Press

Men’s basketball

# New team prepares for rival game

*Hoiberg, Garrett only ones with much Hawkeyes experience*

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Friday night, Iowa State will travel east to Iowa City to face its in-state rival Hawkeyes.

Fred Hoiberg has done this before; Diante Garrett, too.

The rest of the ISU men’s basketball team? Not so much.

“Two games combined with five minutes, maybe,” said ISU senior Jamie Vanderbeken. “It’ll be fun to see what it’s all about for the first time.”

Vanderbeken has played in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. He played one minute in the Cyclones’ 73-57 loss in 2008.

In 2009, he played two minutes.

But Vanderbeken isn’t the only part of the 2010 version of the Cyclones that doesn’t have much experience playing against the Hawkeyes.

Garrett, Vanderbeken and junior Scott Christopherson are the only players with Cy-Hawk experience, and only Vanderbeken has played in the unfriendly confines of Carver-Hawkeye.

“We’ve just to go down there together as a team and handle business,” Garrett said. “It’s going to be real tough, because all of the fans are going to be right on top of you. They all want to see us lose.”

Hoiberg’s squad has opened the year 7-2, but has lost two of its last three to in-state rival Northern Iowa and the Pac-10’s California.

The Hawkeyes, playing under a new coach of their own in Fran McCaffery, just knocked off Northern Iowa 51-39 and sit at 5-4.

McCaffery imported his up-tempo style from his last post at Siena College, and his young Hawkeyes are scoring 71.3 points per game. However, Hoiberg’s bunch like playing quickly, too, and have scored 79.8 points per game, 32nd in the country.

“That’s one of our advan-

tages this year is getting up and down the court, Garrett said. “Guards have been making the right decisions, playing unselfish and having fun out there. If we can do that same transition playing Friday, we can come out and try and get a W.”

The Iowa defense will likely play several different styles to try and slow down the Iowa State offense.

Against Northern Iowa, the Hawkeyes featured different types of zone, man-to-man and full-court looks, and held the Panthers to just 39 points on 27.3 percent shooting.

“Fran does a great job with changing up his defenses, so we just need to be prepared for anything,” Hoiberg said.

For Iowa State, any full-court pressure would be a change from the normally half-court oriented teams it has faced in its first nine games.

And, since the Cyclones will have just 10 healthy bodies on the bench, the extra pressure may push the regulars more than they’re used to.

“We haven’t seen it a whole lot, but if they come out and press then hopefully that means it’ll be an up-tempo game,” Christopherson said. “I think that’s the style of play we’d prefer to play.”

The Cyclones start two guards in Garrett and senior transfer Jake Anderson who have had experience playing the point guard position. Their experience handling the ball in the backcourt will be an advantage in trying to be successful against multiple Hawkeye defenses.

“It’s always nice to have upperclassmen in your backcourt,” Hoiberg said. “With Diante and Jake, we feel comfortable when the ball is in their hands.”

But, the pressure on the floor combined with the pressure from the hostile crowd will be a new experience for nearly all of the Cyclones on the floor.

Iowa State played Dec. 1 at

**vs.**

Iowa State

(7-2)

Iowa

(5-4)

**Where:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Iowa City

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday

**Media coverage:** TV - Big Ten Network

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Daily writers Jake Lovett and Jeremiah Davis will chat live from the game in Iowa City.

**Notes:** Iowa State has lost its last three games in Iowa City against the Hawkeyes. The home team has won the last six games in the series.

Iowa leads the all-time series 42-21, but the series is tied at 14-14 since 1984.

Diante Garrett is averaging 9 points and 2.7 assists in three career games against Iowa.

in-state rival Northern Iowa’s McLeod Center, but only 6,489 were in attendance in Cedar Falls. A crowd closer to 15,000 could pack itself in to Carver-Hawkeye for Friday night’s matchup.

“It’ll be good for our young guys; it’ll be good to experience that kind of atmosphere,” Hoiberg said. “That’s what we’re going to experience every night in the Big 12.”

The Cyclones have three freshmen that play significant minutes — Melvin Ejim, Jordan Railey and Calvin Godfrey — that haven’t played a road game against a “Power Six” opponent like Iowa.

And only two Cyclones, Garrett and Christopherson, have played more than Vanderbeken’s three minutes against the rival Hawkeyes.

“It’s a fun college environment,” Hoiberg said. “It’ll be very hostile in there, and we know that. It’s just the way the rivalry is.”



Iowa State guard Diante Garrett goes up for a shot against Southeast Missouri State on Monday at Hilton Coliseum. The Cyclones won 85-58. Photo: Bryan Langfeldt/Iowa State Daily

Swimming and Diving

# Cyclones hit the water in Cy-Hawk series

*Rivalry will prepare team for conference*

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The ISU swimming and diving team will be taking on in-state rival Iowa on Friday. Iowa has won the last four meets between the two teams, so the Cyclones know they will have to come prepared.

“Both teams seem to swim outstandingly against each other,” said coach Duane Sorenson. “It looks like it’s going to be another barn burner.”

Some wonder what this rivalry could really mean to swimming and diving and if it is any comparison to football and basketball.

“It’s probably more intense,” Sorenson said.



Iowa State’s Elena Carvell competes during the sixth heat of the 50-yard freestyle Oct. 24. File photo: Manfred Brugger/Iowa State Daily

The coach recalled last year’s meet against the Hawkeyes being back-and-forth in every race.



Sorenson brought up the fact that a fifth-place

finish gets a point for the team, and that can really make a difference. Both schools also recruit a lot of the same athletes.

“Three years ago the

meet was decided by two points,” Sorenson said. “Our women know each other, the coaches know each other and there aren’t a lot of secrets.”

The Cyclones are looking to continue improving their speed for their trip to Iowa City as well as the conference schedule.

**vs.**

Iowa State

Iowa

**Where:** Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, Iowa City

**When:** 6 p.m. Friday

**Notes:** Iowa has won the last four meets between the rival schools.

“We’re just trying to fine-tune everything,” Sorenson said. “We know this meet is going to be very important not only for our team, but the whole state of Cyclone Nation.”

This meet is key in keeping the team competitive going into conference play when classes resume in January.

“When we swim against Nebraska it’s probably just as intense,” Sorenson said.

Sorenson said that

despite fighting illness all fall, the team is pretty healthy going into Iowa City.

Iowa State’s 11 seniors are excited for their final meeting with Iowa. They currently hold a record of 2-1 against the Hawkeyes and don’t want to settle for a .500 finish.

“It’s going to take all 32 of our women to do the job,” Sorenson said. “It’s a matter of women being steady and solid all the way through the meet.”

The meet is worth two points in the Cy-Hawk Series. Iowa currently leads the event 7-6.

The meet begins at 6 p.m. in Iowa City at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.



Sorenson

Hockey

# Offering a ‘history lesson’

*Iowa State hosts match at former home ice arena*

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The Cyclone hockey team will be taking on the Hawkeyes on Friday for what is anticipated to be a sold-out crowd at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. The second game of the series is Saturday at the Buccaneer Arena in Des Moines.

“We have done very well as a team against the Hawkeyes,” said coach Al Murdoch. “We lost to them the first time two

years ago.”

Although the team lost two games to Lindenwood last weekend, the Cyclones are fairly confident they can pick up home wins this weekend.

“Our performance this past weekend was very good overall, and it is hard saying that since we did lose both games,” Murdoch said. “Lindenwood was very good, and we are very young compared to their team.”

The Hawkeyes play Division II hockey, which is a level below the Cyclones’ competition.

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**vs.**

Iowa State

Iowa

**Where:** Friday: Ames/ISU Ice Arena

Saturday: DM Bucs Arena

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday

**Notes:** Iowa plays in Division II, a division below the Cyclones.

The series’ second game will be played in Des Moines, in the home of the United States Hockey League.

# Cyclone Hockey

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advantage in points off turnovers.

“They were in the lanes and it was really hard to get through plays,” Mansfield said. “At times we didn’t really know what to do. Their defense was just really intense.”

Fennelly hinted at changes following the loss. He said that his team may play around with a four-guard lineup more often going forward. He also said the team may need to change the way it practices so it can be better prepared when it goes up against opponents like Iowa.

Iowa State is now 0-2 when playing away from Hilton Coliseum this season. Its other loss came to No. 10 West Virginia during the Paradise Jam tournament.

“You can tell they were very committed defensively tonight and did a great job of it,” Fennelly said. “We’re not going to be the last team that gets our butt kicked in this building, I can promise you that.”



ISU coach Bill Fennelly reacts during the second half of the game against Iowa on Thursday in Iowa City. Iowa won 62-40. Photo: Charlie Neibergall/The Associated Press



Cort Bulloch, junior forward, shoots at the goal Dec. 12, 2009, at the Ames Ice Arena. The Cyclones cleaned up the Hawkeyes on Friday and Saturday, 12-2 and 8-0 respectively. File photo: Gene Pavelko/Iowa State Daily

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“It will be a little less competitive, but it is still a huge rivalry so we need to be playing hard,” said senior Mike Lebler. Keeping the powerplay strong and staying out of the penalty box are key elements in winning games.

“We need the powerplays

to execute and we need to score shorthanded goals,” Murdoch said.

For Saturday night’s game, the teams will travel south to the Buccaneer Arena, which was actually the home arena for the Cyclone Hockey team during the 1969 to 1971 seasons.

“It will be a little history lesson for the team,” said Murdoch.

The Cyclones will be entering the series with a 11-14-0 season record.

The first game will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena, and the second game will be Saturday night at 8 p.m., at the Des Moines Buccaneer Arena.

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Winter solstice

# Shortest day of light is quickly approaching

By Alayna.Flor  
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Snow or not, the winter solstice is fast approaching, and many students are looking forward to longer days of sunlight.

“The winter solstice marks the shortest day [of sunlight] of the year,” said Xiaqing Wu, associate professor of geological and atmospheric

sciences.

Mathematics explains why there is an exact day and time when the winter solstice happens. This year, the winter solstice occurs at exactly 6:38 p.m. Dec. 21.

“The Earth rotates around an axis that tilts 23.5 degrees away from a right angle to the sun,” Wu said. “The rotation causes the amount of sunlight reaching a given spot on Earth

to vary as Earth orbits the sun during the year. The winter solstice marks the day when the North Pole is pointed exactly 23.5 degrees away from the sun’s line of fire, explaining why it’s the shortest day of the year.”

Dec. 21 is the shortest day in the Northern Hemisphere, making it the longest day for the Southern Hemisphere. Some places in Alaska don’t see any daylight during the win-

ter solstice. But during the summer solstice, the sun never sets.

“For 182 straight days in the far North, there is no sunlight,” Wu said.

To experience no sunlight in the winter and sun all day long in the summer, Barrow, Alaska, is the place to go. Known as “the land of the midnight sun,” Barrow has no daylight from about mid-November to January, according to National Geographic. The

inverse can be said for the summer, when the sun doesn’t set from mid-May to mid-July.

When students return for spring semester, days will become longer and there will most likely, be snow on the ground.

“After the winter solstice, the amount of sunlight will gradually increase each day until the summer solstice,” Wu said.

Military

## Mental health problems top hospitalization list

By Charley Keyes  
CNN Wire Service

WASHINGTON — Mental problems send more men in the U.S. military to the hospital than any other cause, according to a new Pentagon report.

And mental problems are the second highest reason for hospitalization of women military personnel, behind conditions related to pregnancy.

The Department of Defense’s Medical Surveillance report from November examines “a large, widespread, and growing mental health problem among U.S. military members.”

The 31-page report reads that mental disorders are a problem for the entire U.S. population, but that sharp increases for active duty military reflect the psychological toll of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Most notably in this regard, the rate of incident diagnoses of post-traumatic stress disorder increased nearly six-fold from 2003 to 2008,” the report reads.

And new outreach and screening, as well as the military’s efforts to reduce the negative stigma attached to seeking treatment also contributed to higher numbers, according to the report.

The Army was hit hardest by the most common and long-lasting problems: PTSD, major depression, bipolar disorder, alcohol dependence and substance dependence, according to the report.

“The Army was relatively most affected — based on lost duty time — by mental disorder-related hospitalizations overall; and in 2009, the loss of manpower to the Army was more

than twice that to the Marine Corps and more than three times that to the other Services,” the report says.

“The Army has had many more deployers to Afghanistan and Iraq and many more combat-specific casualties; it is not surprising, therefore, that the Army has endured more mental disorder-related casualties and larger manpower losses than the other services.”

While most new diagnoses of mental illness were in the Army, the fewest were in the Air Force.

“The only exceptions to this observation were in 2007, 2008, and the first two quarters of 2010 when the incidence rates of new diagnoses of alcohol dependence in the Marine Corps were the highest of all the Services,” the report said.

But overall, the Marines were found to have fewer overall mental problems than the Army, Air Force and Navy with 4.3 percent of Marines versus 6.4 percent of the overall pool of active duty military.

Researchers call for additional study, and admit that tracking mental problems can be a moving target, as treatment and attitudes change.

“There are real and perceived barriers to seeking and accessing care for mental health disorders among military members,” the report says.

“These barriers include shortages of mental health professionals in some areas and the social and military stigmas associated with seeking or receiving mental health care,” the report reads.

“The nature and effects of these barriers to care have likely changed,” according to the report.

Watergate

## Nixon Library releases 265 hours of White House tapes

By Michael Martinez  
CNN Wire Service

The latest release of White House tapes from the Richard Nixon Presidential Library shows how Watergate increasingly consumed Nixon as his second term was getting underway, the library’s director said Thursday.

Much of Nixon’s tapes about Watergate have long been made public, but Thursday the library released additional White House recordings from February 1973 to March 1973, plus some from early April 1973, said director Timothy Naftali.

The Watergate political scandal, resulting from a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters, eventually led Nixon to resign; he was the first and only president, so far, to do so.

“Watergate is truly heating up for the administration by the end of this particular release of tapes, in March of 1973, and you can see it taking more of the president’s time,” said Naftali, who was a Cold War and presidential historian before joining the National Archives, which runs the Nixon library.

“The tapes are a magnificent oral history of two very busy and important months in the life of President Nixon’s second term.”

Thursday, the library opened a trove of records at the facility and online, and the new information includes 265 hours of White House tapes.

The library, which is located in Yorba Linda, Calif., also released more than 140,000 pages of presidential records and 75 hours of video oral histories.

About 2,500 pages of formerly classified national security records have also been made public, and some of them have been posted on the library’s website, www.nixonlibrary.gov.

One record deals with covert actions in Chile, and there is another about an understanding with British Prime Minister Edward Heath on the use of British bases and U.S. nuclear weapons.

“I am agreeable to the amendments as proposed and shall consider the understandings existing between our governments with regard to consultation on the use of nuclear weapons, as so amended, to remain fully in effect,” Nixon wrote in a letter to Heath.

One memo is written Jan. 17, 1973, by current anchor and former Nixon aide Diane Sawyer, who said she understands that a decision is forthcoming on the “fate” of Donald Johnson as administrator of Veterans Affairs, now Veterans Administration. Johnson resigned in 1974 under pressure from Congress and veterans’ groups for alleged mismanagement.

“Do you have information which would enable us to provide the Star with a leak?” Sawyer wrote to Larry Higby, assistant chief of staff.

The memo contains handwritten notes stating either, “Approve saying,” or, “Disapprove because.”

The newly available materials are pieces to a larger mosaic about the Nixon presidency.

“This release is significant for people interested in how our government thought about the Vietnam cease-fire and its durability, and it’s very significant about the release of American POWs from Southeast Asia,” Naftali said.

“It’s sort of the first release that has materials relevant to the U.S. government’s handling of the Wounded Knee incident,” when followers of the American Indian Movement seized the South Dakota town for 71 days starting in February 1973, Naftali said.

“And there’s very significant material about the management of U.S. policy toward the Middle East.”



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The Doors

## Morrison granted posthumous indecent exposure pardon

From Susan Candiotti  
CNN Wire Service

The Florida Board of Executive Clemency voted unanimously Thursday to posthumously pardon Jim Morrison, the charismatic lead singer for The Doors, four decades after Jim was convicted of indecent exposure and open profanity.

Outgoing Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, an admitted Doors fan, proposed the official let-off for the late singer for a disputed incident during a Miami concert.

Jim’s widow, Patricia Kennealy Morrison, who opposed the pardon, said she was not surprised at the outcome, given the fans who were supporting it.

“Since the original charges

and trial were a publicity stunt to begin with, it doesn’t surprise me in the slightest that the pardon should follow in those footsteps,” she said to CNN.

Crist, who is set to leave office in January after losing his bid for the Senate in the recent midterm elections, said that after reviewing the case file, he felt compelled to get involved.

“What I do know is that if someone hasn’t committed a crime, that should be recognized,” he said before the vote.

The governor said the conviction should have been dismissed after Jim’s death “so that he was again presumed innocent.”

“A pardon corrects the fact that Mr. Morrison is now unable to take advantage of the presumption of innocence

that is the cornerstone of the American criminal justice system,” Crist said in a statement after the vote.

Jim had been performing with the band at a typically raucous concert at Miami’s Key Auditorium on March 1, 1969, when the incident took place. Reportedly drunk and slurring obscenities at the crowd, he was accused of unzipping his pants and simulating a sex act, a charge he denied.

Despite being acquitted of lascivious behavior and drunkenness, Jim was convicted of indecent exposure and open profanity and sentenced to six months in jail. He was still appealing the verdict in 1971 when he died in Paris of a heart attack at the age of 27. He would have turned 67 Wednesday.

But Patricia said he would reject such a pardon.

Patricia wasn’t at the concert where the incident took place, but said by most accounts, evidence that Jim exposed himself was slim, although she acknowledged he was drunk at the time.

She attended his trial and, “I saw a stack of photos that the prosecution was entering in as evidence.” The most compromising one, she said, “was him with his hand stuck down the front of his pants.”

“Despite the fact that there were 10,000 people in the hall that night, funny thing, no one has a picture of the actual exposure of the Lizard King’s lizard.”

She calls the idea of a pardon silly, writing in a letter to Crist that Jim “would hate, loathe, detest and despise the whole idea. He would think it is yet another pathetic attempt by the state of Florida to use him for its own cheap and cynical publicity-hungry purposes, and I have no doubt but that he would rip the ‘pardon’ into tiny pieces.”

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